

REMARKS

Amendments to the Claims:

Each of claims 1 and 3-36 has been cancelled without prejudice. New claims 37-56 have been added. No new matter has been added by way of amendments to the claims and/or by way of new claims.

Rejection of Claims Under 35 U.S.C. § 102:

Claims 1, 4, 5, 17, 18, and 24-26 have been rejected as being anticipated under 35 U.S.C. 102.

Each of claims 1, 4, 5, 17, 18, and 24-26 has been cancelled as indicated herein above.

Accordingly, each of the rejections of claims 1, 4, 5, 17, 18, and 24-26 is now moot.

Rejection of Claims Under 35 U.S.C. § 103:

Claims 3, 6, 9, 10, 14, and 22 have been rejected as being obvious under 35 U.S.C. 103.

Each of claims 3, 6, 9, 10, 14, and 22 has been cancelled as indicated herein above.

Accordingly, each of the rejections of claims 3, 6, 9, 10, 14, and 22 is now moot.

Petition for Extension of Time:

The applicant herewith petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for reply to the final action dated July 27, 2005 for one month from October 27, 2005 to November 27, 2005. Please find the enclosed check in the amount specified herein below to cover the cost of the extension.

Time for Filing when Period Ends on Sunday:

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.7, "when the day...for taking any action...in the Patent and Trademark Office falls on...Sunday,...the action may be taken...on the next

1 business day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or a Federal holiday." The applicant
2 notes that November 27, 2005 (which is the date for filing this action) is a Sunday, and
3 that this action may therefore be timely filed on the next business day, which is Monday,
4 November 28, 2005.

5 Enclosed Fees:

6 Please find enclosed herewith a check in the amount of \$455 to cover the
7 following applicable fees:

- 8 1) Fee for RCE (small entity status): \$395
9 2) Fee for 1-month extension of time for reply: \$60

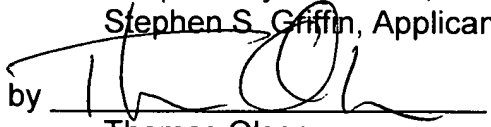
10 **SUMMARY**

11 The applicant believes that this communication constitutes both a request for
12 continued examination, and a full and complete response to the final action mailed
13 07/27/2005. Also, the applicant respectfully requests timely allowance of claims 37-56.

14 Respectfully submitted,
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16 Date: November 28, 2005

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